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House Bills

HB 2345 by Representatives O'Brien, Ballasiotes, Ruderman, Hurst and Lovick; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Authorizing the secretary of the department of social and health services to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of the sexually violent predator law.

Authorizes the secretary of the department of social and health services to take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of the sexually violent predator law.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2346 by Representatives Clements, Conway, Kenney and Hurst; by request of Lieutenant Governor, Department of Labor & Industries and Department of Social and Health Services

Evaluating drug-free workplace programs.

Directs the department of labor and industries, in full consultation with the department of social and health services, to conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit evaluation of the drug-free workplace program. The evaluation shall take into account both the qualitative and quantitative benefits and costs of the program. The departments of labor and industries and social and health services shall submit an interim report to the legislature on September 1, 2001, and shall issue a comprehensive final evaluation report on December 1, 2002.

Extends the expiration date of RCW 49.82.901 to January 1, 2004.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2347 by Representatives Thomas and Van Luven

Extending the housing authority tax exemption to Indian housing authorities.

Extends the housing authority tax exemption to Indian housing authorities.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Housing & Trade.

HB 2348 by Representatives G. Chandler and Linville; by request of Conservation Commission

Authorizing treasurer services for conservation districts.

Provides that the treasurer of the county in which a conservation district is located is ex officio treasurer of the district. However, the board of supervisors by resolution may designate some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the conservation district. The board of supervisors may require a bond, with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Washington, in an amount and under the terms and conditions which the board of supervisors by resolution from time to time finds will protect the district against loss. The premium on this bond shall be paid by the district.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Ecology.

HB 2349 by Representatives Sullivan, O'Brien, McDonald, Kastama, Carrell, Miloscia, Lantz, Kenney, Edmonds, Clements, Wolfe, Conway, Hurst, Kessler and Santos

Regulating check cashers and sellers.

Revises RCW 31.45.073 relating to check cashers and sellers.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2350 by Representatives Sullivan, O'Brien, Miloscia, D. Sommers, Conway and Ogden

Establishing affordable health insurance for individuals and families.

Finds that health plans through the individual market are scarce and not available at all in many parts of the state, threatening the health of Washington residents who do not have access to health insurance through their employer, medicare, or medicaid.

Declares an intent to provide a safety net for Washington citizens by establishing an affordable catastrophic health plan that is available throughout the state for individuals and their families.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2351 by Representatives Sullivan, Kastama, Reardon, O'Brien, Miloscia, Lantz, Edmonds, Conway and Ruderman

Restricting the use of credit reports by insurers.

Provides that an insurer shall not request a credit report on an applicant or existing policyholder if such an inquiry negatively affects the credit rating or credit score of the applicant or policyholder. A request for a credit report by an insurer is deemed to negatively impact the applicant or policyholder unless the insurance commissioner states in writing that the insurer's procedures regarding credit

reports have no negative impact on applicants or policyholders.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2352 by Representatives Sullivan, Conway and Kessler

Requiring financial responsibility of certain persons who serve liquor.

Directs the board to require any person who has any licenses to sell spirits to obtain and maintain liability insurance of at least three hundred thousand dollars or a bond of at least three hundred thousand dollars with a surety authorized to conduct a surety business in this state.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2353 by Representatives Wood, Carrell and Hurst; by request of Gambling Commission

Allowing criminal history records to be sent to the Washington state gambling commission.

Provides that criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data, as defined in RCW 10.97.030, may be disseminated by a criminal justice agency to the Washington state gambling commission for any purpose associated with the investigation for suitability for involvement in gambling activities authorized under chapter 9.46 RCW. The Washington state gambling commission shall only disseminate nonconviction data obtained under this act to criminal justice agencies.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2354 by Representatives McDonald, Ruderman, Carrell, Mielke, Sullivan and Conway

Increasing penalties for driving or physical control while under the influence.

Increases penalties for driving or physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2355 by Representatives McDonald, Lantz, Mielke, Sullivan and Dunn

Providing a definition of the term "drugs" as used in the motor vehicle laws.

Provides that the word "drugs" includes, but is not limited to: (1) Those drugs and substances regulated by chapters 69.41 and 69.50 RCW; or

(2) any other substance that impairs a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Repeals RCW 46.61.540.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2356 by Representatives McDonald, Lantz, Mielke, Miloscia, Sullivan, Dunn and Talcott

Excusing student absences for state-recognized search and rescue activities.

Provides that, upon the approval of a student's parent and the principal of the student's school, a student may be excused from school for up to five days each year to participate in state-recognized search and rescue activities as defined in chapter 38.52 RCW and accompanying rules.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2357 by Representatives Dickerson, Stensen, Huff, Gombosky, Clements, Kenney, Conway, Hurst, Van Luven and Edmonds

Creating a task force on prostate cancer.

Establishes a task force on prostate cancer.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2358 by Representatives Wood, Morris, Clements, Conway and Radcliff

Allowing charitable organizations to hire vendors to conduct fund raising events.

Provides that bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations may hire a person or vendor, who is licensed or approved by the commission, to organize and conduct a fund raising event on behalf of the sponsoring organization subject to the following restrictions: (1) The person or vendor may not provide the facility for the event;

(2) the person or vendor may use paid personnel and may be compensated by a fixed fee determined prior to the event, but may not share in the proceeds of the event;

(3) all wagers must be made with scrip or chips. At the end of the event, participants may be given the opportunity to purchase or otherwise redeem their scrip or chips for merchandise prizes. The value of all purchased prizes must not exceed ten percent of the gross revenue from the event; and

(4) only members and guests of the sponsoring organization may participate in the event.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2359 by Representatives Parlette, Cody, Edmonds, Rockefeller, B. Chandler, Schoesler, Kenney, Conway, McDonald and Van Luven

Concerning the nursing facility payment rate.

Revises provisions relating to the nursing facility payment system.

Repeals RCW 74.46.908.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2360 by Representatives Parlette, Buck, Pflug, D. Sommers, Mulliken, Schindler, G. Chandler and McMorris

Modifying access to individual health insurance coverage.

Revises provisions relating to access to individual health insurance coverage.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2361 by Representatives Cody, Kastama, Edwards, Edmonds, Conway, Kagi, Schual-Berke, Rockefeller, Tokuda, Murray, Wolfe, Ogden, Morris, Ruderman, Stensen, Hurst, Lovick, Veloria, Poulsen, Wood, Kessler, Regala, Linville, Cooper, Scott, Anderson and Santos

Creating the Washington low-cost prescription drug program.

Establishes the low-cost prescription drug program to reduce the cost of prescription drugs to qualifying residents of the state.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2362 by Representatives Cody, Kastama, Edwards, Edmonds, Schual-Berke, Conway, Kagi, Rockefeller, Kenney, Tokuda, Murray, Wolfe, Fisher, Ogden, Morris, Ruderman, Stensen, Lovick, Veloria, Wood, Kessler, Regala, Reardon, Cooper, Scott and Santos

Increasing access to individual and small group health insurance coverage.

Increases access to individual and small group health insurance coverage.

Repeals RCW 48.41.180.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2363 by Representatives Cody, Edwards, Edmonds, Conway, Kenney and Ruderman

Requiring the registration of certain school health personnel.

Declares that no certificated or noncertificated school district employee may practice or represent himself or herself as a school health aide by use of any title or description of services without being registered to practice by the department.

Declares that nursing tasks delegated to a school health aide include those nursing procedures applicable to school districts provided by law, including those tasks determined by the commission by rule in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2364 by Representatives Cody, Carlson, Edmonds, Parlette, Edwards, Kastama, Conway, Schual-Berke, Kagi, Kenney, Tokuda, Murray, Ogden, Ruderman, McDonald, Stensen, Van Luven, Lovick, Veloria, Poulsen, Wood, Kessler, Regala, Reardon, Cooper, Anderson and Santos

Eliminating employment barriers for individuals with disabilities.

Declares an intent to remove barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities through the continuation of medical care services in accordance with medical eligibility requirements established by the department.

Directs the department to establish earned income disregards, cost sharing, and a schedule of premiums, consistent with federal law, that eliminate disincentives to employment for individuals with disabilities.

Declares an intent to remove barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities through the provision of employment services, vocational rehabilitation services, or other support services from an employment network of the beneficiary's choice.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2365 by Representatives Haigh, Pennington, Eickmeyer, Dunshee and Hurst

Exempting certain leasehold interests from leasehold excise tax.

Declares that all leasehold interest consisting of three thousand or more residential and recreational lots that are or may be subleased for residential and recreational purposes are exempt from tax under chapter 82.29A RCW.

Provides that a leasehold interest consisting of three thousand or more residential and recreational lots that are or may be subleased for residential and recreational purposes, together with any improvements thereon, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner as privately owned real property.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2366 by Representatives Lantz, Skinner, Ogden, Carlson and Anderson

Preventing liability of volunteers.

Declares that a volunteer of a nonprofit organization or governmental entity shall not be liable for harm caused by an act or omission of the volunteer on behalf of the organization or entity if: (1) The volunteer was acting within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the nonprofit organization or governmental entity at the time of the act or omission;

(2) if appropriate or required, the volunteer was properly licensed, certified, or authorized by the appropriate authorities for the activities or practice, where the activities were or practice was undertaken within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the nonprofit organization or governmental entity;

(3) the harm was not caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual harmed by the volunteer; and

(4) the harm was not caused by the volunteer operating a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or other vehicle for which the state requires the operator or the owner of the vehicle, craft, or vessel to either possess an operator's license or maintain insurance.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2367 by Representatives Kenney, Carlson, Tokuda, Edmonds, Lovick, Stensen, Lantz, Voloria, Doumit, Dickerson, Kagi, Murray, Wolfe, Ogden, Schual-Berke, Kessler, Regala and Santos

Including higher education programs in the work activity definition.

Revises RCW 74.08A.250 to provide that "work activity" means: (1) Employment through the state work-study program for a period not to exceed twenty-four months;

(2) internships, that shall be paid or unpaid work experience performed by an intern in a business, industry, or government or nongovernmental agency setting; and

(3) practicums, which include any educational program in which a student is working under the close supervision of a professional in an agency, clinic, or other professional practice setting for purposes of advancing their skills and knowledge.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2368 by Representatives Rockefeller, Woods, Fisher, Eickmeyer, Lantz, Haigh, O'Brien and Lovick

Exempting ferry operations from the State Environmental Policy Act.

Declares that the deployment and operation of a vessel between established ferry terminal facilities is not an action requiring environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW.

Declares an intent that this act be given retroactive effect to the maximum extent possible.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2369 by Representatives Conway and Clements

Addressing occupational safety and health impact grants.

Requires the director, in consultation with the WISHA advisory committee, to establish a program to provide safety and health impact grants to prevent injuries and illnesses, save lives, and educate Washington employees and employers about workplace hazards and safe workplace practices.

Provides that, using a competitive application process, the department shall award safety and health impact grants to trade associations, business associations, employers, employee organizations, labor unions and groups of employees. The grants may include: (1) Education and training grants to implement safety and health and to provide practical information, curricula, materials, and methods intended for use by employers and employees in reducing workplace hazards;

(2) technical innovation grants to develop engineering and other technical solutions to injury and illness problems;

(3) best practice grants for the application of hazard control; or

(4) state-wide priority grants to undertake innovative programs that address state-wide safety and health priorities established by the WISHA advisory committee.

Requires the director to appoint a safety and health impact grant review committee that will be a subcommittee of the WISHA advisory committee.

Requires the department and the safety and health impact grant review committee to present an annual review regarding the activities of the safety and health impact grant program to the WISHA advisory committee, the workers' compensation advisory committee, and make it available to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

Requires the director and representatives from the WISHA advisory committee to perform a comprehensive review of the grant program which shall include, but not be limited to, reported outcomes, injury reduction, and safety awareness and shall issue a report for the legislature by December 31, 2004.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2370 by Representatives Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Kenney, Dunshee, Tokuda,

Reardon, Edwards, Sullivan, Stensen, Kagi, Conway, Kastama and Scott

Establishing a law enforcement study.

Directs the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to conduct a study of counties with populations over one hundred fifty thousand. The study shall be of the total costs and expenditures for law enforcement for the county, and cities within the county. The focus of the study shall include recommendations for law enforcement jurisdictions, Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs actions, and the legislature.

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to commence the study by June 1, 2000, and complete the study by January 1, 2001. The final report shall be distributed to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and to the appropriate standing committee by January 30, 2001.

Makes an appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars from the general fund to the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for the purposes of this act.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2371 by Representatives Lovick, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Kenney, Dunshee, Tokuda, Rockefeller, Reardon, Stensen, Conway, Regala, Edwards, Thomas, Ruderman, Hurst and Scott

Creating criminal laws for mail theft and destruction.

Provides that: (1) A person commits the crime of obstruction of mail if the person intentionally obstructs or unreasonably delays: (a) the passage of the mail; or (b) a carrier or conveyance carrying the mail.

(2) Obstruction of mail is a gross misdemeanor.

Provides that: (1) A person commits the crime of destruction of letter boxes if the person knowingly and maliciously: (a) tears down or destroys a letter box belonging to another; or (b) breaks open a letter box belonging to another.

(2) Destruction of letter boxes is a gross misdemeanor.

Provides that: (1) A person commits the crime of destruction of mail if the person knowingly and maliciously injures, destroys, or defaces mail of another that has been deposited in an authorized depository.

(2) Destruction of mail is a class C felony.

Provides that: (1) A person commits the crime of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail if the person knowingly: (a) takes, or by fraud or deception, obtains mail of another from a mail receptacle, authorized depository, or mail carrier; (b) secretes, embezzles, or destroys mail of another; (c) takes, or by fraud or deception, obtains mail of another that has been left for collection on or adjacent to an authorized depository or mail receptacle; or (d) buys, receives, conceals, or unlawfully possesses mail of another knowing that the mail was taken, obtained, or embezzled as described in this subsection.

(2) Mail theft or receipt of stolen mail is a class C felony.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2372 by Representatives Kagi, D. Sommers, Carrell, Cody, Edwards, Kenney, Wolfe, Lovick and Schual-Berke

Regulating detention of children within secure facilities.

Revises RCW 13.32A.060, 13.32A.065, and 13.32A.130 relating to detention of children in secure facilities.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2373 by Representatives Kagi, D. Sommers, Tokuda, Cody, Edwards, Kenney, Murray, Wolfe, Ogden, Morris, Stensen, Voloria, Schual-Berke, Wood, Edmonds, Kessler, Regala, Cooper, Scott, Anderson, Dickerson, Santos and Lovick

Creating the office of child care and early education.

Creates the office of child care and early education as an executive branch agency.

Declares that the primary duties of the office are to coordinate and consolidate child care and early learning programs in order to administer programs and grant funding as efficiently as possible. The office's duties include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) To administer child care and early learning programs;

(2) to the extent possible under federal and state law, to standardize financial audits, oversight visits, performance, benchmarks, and licensing criteria, so that programs can function in an integrated fashion; and

(3) to coordinate state agency efforts to purchase, deliver, and arrange child care effectively.

Transfers all powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, the office of financial management, the department of personnel, the department of community, trade, and economic development, the child care coordinating committee, the department of social and health services, the department of health, the family policy council, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of labor and industries, and the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect pertaining to child care and early learning programs to the office of child care and early education.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

Senate Bills

SB 6217 by Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Winsley

Changing provisions relating to dependent children.

Makes technical and clarifying amendments to the dependency and termination of parental rights statutes.

Repeals RCW 13.34.162 and 13.34.220.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6218 by Senators Hargrove, Long and Costa

Making technical and clarifying amendments to the family reconciliation act.

Makes technical and clarifying amendments to the family reconciliation act.

Repeals RCW 13.32A.210.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6219 by Senators Rasmussen and Morton; by request of Conservation Commission

Authorizing treasurer services for conservation districts.

Provides that the treasurer of the county in which a conservation district is located is ex officio treasurer of the district. However, the board of supervisors by resolution may designate some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the conservation district. The board of supervisors may require a bond, with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Washington, in an amount and under the terms and conditions which the board of supervisors by resolution from time to time finds will protect the district against loss. The premium on this bond shall be paid by the district.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6220 by Senators Prentice, Winsley, Deccio and Rasmussen

Prohibiting unfair competition by motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers.

Prohibits unfair competition by motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions.

SB 6221 by Senators Thibaudeau and Deccio; by request of Department of Health

Making technical changes and corrections to department of health statutes.

Makes technical changes, wording updates, and other corrections to department of health statutes covering health professions and facilities.

Repeals RCW 18.48.040, 18.57A.070, 18.83.910, and 18.83.911.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6222 by Senators Costa, Long and Kohl-Welles; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Providing for removal of offenders from the drug offender sentencing alternative who are subject to a deportation order.

Provides for the removal of offenders from the drug offender sentencing alternative who are subject to a deportation order.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6223 by Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Kohl-Welles; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Reorganizing sentencing provisions.

Revises provisions relating to reorganization of, and technical, clarifying, nonsubstantive amendments to, community supervision and sentencing provisions.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6224 by Senators Hargrove, Long, Costa and Kohl-Welles; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Specifying community custody ranges.

Specifies community custody ranges.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6225 by Senators Fairley and Winsley; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Updating definitions of income and resources.

Amends RCW 74.04.005 relating to definitions of income and resources for public assistance purposes.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6226 by Senators Morton, Hochstatter and Oke

Disqualifying an individual from receiving unemployment compensation.

Amends RCW 50.20.080 to provide that, if an individual is offered suitable work contingent upon taking or passing a qualifying test or physical examination and the individual refuses to take or fails the test or examination, the offer of work will not be considered an offer under this act. However, an offer of suitable work contingent upon taking or passing a substance abuse test conducted in accordance with chapter 49.82 RCW will be considered an offer under this act.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6227 by Senators Jacobsen, Spanel and Rasmussen

Serving as a substitute teacher, administrator, or principal.

Increases the number of hours a retired school employee may serve annually from one hundred five to seven hundred thirty-five hours.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Education.

SB 6228 by Senators Jacobsen, Winsley, Spanel, Rasmussen and McAuliffe

Providing a death benefit for certain members of the Washington school employees' retirement system.

Provides that a one hundred fifty thousand dollar death benefit shall be paid to the member's estate, or such person or persons, trust or organization as the member has nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the department.

Declares that the benefit under this act shall be paid only where death occurs as a result of injuries sustained in the course of employment. The determination of eligibility for the benefit shall be made consistent with Title 51 RCW by the department of labor and industries.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6229 by Senators Jacobsen and Oke

Promoting wildlife viewing.

Directs the departments of fish and wildlife and community, trade, and economic development to host a working conference on promoting wildlife viewing tourism. The objective of the conference shall be to adopt a strategic

plan and specific implementing actions to promote wildlife viewing tourism in Washington in a manner that both provides sustainable economic development in the state's rural areas and supports maintaining the state's wildlife diversity.

Makes an appropriation of forty-five thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the department of fish and wildlife for the purposes of this act.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation.

SB 6230 by Senators Stevens, Fairley, Franklin, Oke and Kline

Requiring proper consent for the acquisition or conveyance of a person's DNA.

Requires any entity obtaining a person's deoxyribonucleic acid in a form that identifies an individual person to have the person's informed consent.

Provides that any entity that either obtains or conveys an individual's deoxyribonucleic acid that is individually identifiable or discloses any computerized interpretation of a person's deoxyribonucleic acid that is individually identifiable without proper authority either from the individual or pursuant to federal or state laws is liable in a civil action and shall pay reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6231 by Senators Fairley and Oke; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Regulating telecommunications contractors and installations.

Provides that it is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, engage in, conduct, or carry on the business of installing or maintaining telecommunications systems without having a telecommunications contractor license.

Creates a telecommunications board, consisting of eight members to be appointed by the governor with the advice of the director.

Declares that it is the purpose and function of the board to advise the director on all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this act including, but not limited to, standards of installation, minimum inspection procedures, and the adoption of rules pertaining to this act.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity to install or maintain any telecommunications cabling and associated hardware in violation of this act.

Declares that any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity violating any of the provisions of this act may be assessed a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars or more than ten thousand dollars per violation.

Declares that the department has the power, in case of serious noncompliance with this chapter, to revoke or suspend for such a period as it determines, any contractor license or administrator certificate issued under this act.

Provides that, at the time of licensing and subsequent relicensing, the applicant shall furnish insurance or financial responsibility in the form of an assigned account in the amount of twenty thousand dollars for injury or damages to property, fifty thousand dollars for injury or damage including death to any one person, and one hundred thousand dollars for injury or damage including death to more than one person, or financial responsibility to satisfy these amounts.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6232 by Senators Fairley, Oke, Hochstatter and Rasmussen; by request of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Labor & Industries and Department of Social and Health Services

Evaluating drug-free workplace programs.

Directs the department of labor and industries, in full consultation with the department of social and health services, to conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit evaluation of the drug-free workplace program. The evaluation shall take into account both the qualitative and quantitative benefits and costs of the program. The departments of labor and industries and social and health services shall submit an interim report to the legislature on September 1, 2001, and shall issue a comprehensive final evaluation report on December 1, 2002.

Extends the expiration date of RCW 49.82.901 to January 1, 2004.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6233 by Senators Wojahn, McDonald, Loveland, Deccio, Snyder, Spanel, Winsley, Rasmussen, Gardner, Costa, Hale, McAuliffe and Kline

Changing developmental disabilities endowment trust fund provisions.

Revises developmental disabilities endowment trust fund provisions.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6234 by Senators Patterson, Haugen, Eide, Costa, Kohl-Welles, Gardner and McAuliffe

Specifying conditions for requiring examination of a driver.

Designates conditions for requiring examination of a driver.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6235 by Senator Fairley; by request of Employment Security Department

Allowing an employer to request relief of benefit charges within thirty days of notice of the claim being filed.

Authorizes an employer to request relief of benefit charges within thirty days of notice of the claim being filed.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6236 by Senator Fairley; by request of Employment Security Department

Promoting efficiency with respect to employment and related services.

Finds that individuals in need of employment and related services would be better served by integrating employment and training services to form a comprehensive network of state and local programs, called a one-stop career development system. Successful integration of employment and training services demands prompt and efficient exchange of information among service providers.

Finds that efficient operation of state programs and their evaluation demand at times information held by the employment security department. Current restrictions on information exchange hamper this coordination, resulting in increased administrative costs, reduced levels of service, and fewer positive outcomes than could otherwise be achieved.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6237 by Senator Fairley; by request of Employment Security Department

Modifying who may deduct processing fees for certain payroll deductions.

Amends RCW 26.23.060 relating to who may deduct processing fees for certain payroll deductions.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6238 by Senator Fairley; by request of Employment Security Department

Addressing the eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits when an employee voluntarily participates in an employer initiated layoff.

Declares that an individual shall not be considered to have left work voluntarily or to have been discharged for misconduct when: (1) The employer takes the first action by announcing to its employees that the employer plans to reduce its work force and that employees can offer to be one of the workers who will be laid off; and

(2) the individual offers to be one of the employees included in the layoff or reduction-in-force; and

(3) the employer determines which individuals are laid off or released through a reduction-in-force; and

(4) the employer takes the final action by terminating the employer-employee relationship with that individual.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6239 by Senator Fairley; by request of Employment Security Department

Modifying wage and contribution report filing requirements.

Declares that, effective for the quarter beginning January 1, 2001, and thereafter, every employer with two hundred fifty or more employees, and every person or organization that, as an agent, reports wages on a total of two hundred fifty or more employees on behalf of one or more subject employers, shall file that portion of the wage and contribution report that contains the name, social security number, hours, and gross wages of each individual in employment on magnetic media in a format prescribed by the commissioner.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6240 by Senators Honeyford, Haugen and Gardner

Amending the definition of "legal newspaper."

Amends RCW 65.16.020 relating to the definition of "legal newspaper."

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 First reading, referred to State & Local Government.

SB 6241 by Senators Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Brown, Shin, Kline, Fraser, Prentice, McAuliffe, Patterson, Eide, Rasmussen and Costa

Establishing WorkFirst performance measures.

Declares an intent to ensure that the WorkFirst program leads to substantial increases in hourly wages and quarterly earnings, and high levels of job retention. The legislature acknowledges that receipt of food stamps, medicaid, and child care benefits provide wage supports

that can raise families' standard of living and prevent families from returning to cash assistance because they need health care, child care, or are hungry.

Declares an intent to adopt performance measures and goals for increases in hourly wages, quarterly earnings, job retention, and access to benefits that support work for WorkFirst participants who have entered unsubsidized paid employment. It is also the intent of the legislature to direct the department of social and health services to establish and meet customer service measures and goals for the WorkFirst program. These measures shall be used to assess the effectiveness of the WorkFirst program in promoting a rising standard of living, stable employment, and career advancement for WorkFirst participants who enter unsubsidized paid employment.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

SB 6242 by Senators Fairley, Patterson, Kohl-Welles, Shin, McAuliffe, Eide and B. Sheldon

Requiring major state agencies to have the ability to reach a departmental employee as an automated telephone answering system option.

Finds that, although many state agencies use automated telephone answering for cost savings and efficiency, there are times when a person needs to have the telephone answered by a live department employee. Washington citizens, businesses, visitors, and legislators become frustrated in their attempts to obtain information when they call a major agency and are trapped in a voice mail loop.

Declares an intent that major state agencies have, as an immediate voice mail option, a minimum of two public telephone main access lines that are staffed by live department employees who are trained to answer basic inquiries or to otherwise direct the caller to someone who can assist them.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8212 by Senators Loveland, Winsley, Fairley, Haugen, Snyder, Fraser, Patterson, Bauer, Wojahn, Spanel, B. Sheldon, Rasmussen, Oke, Gardner, Hale, Thibodeau and Goings

Providing a tax credit on owner-occupied residential property.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide a tax credit on owner-occupied residential property.

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Jan 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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